

General Secretary Kim Jong Un has photo session with those attending WPK information officials workshop



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Kim Jong Un, general secretary of the Workers' Party of Korea and president of the State Affairs of the DPRK, had a photo session with the participants in the First Workshop of Officials in the Information Field of the WPK on March 31.

Present there were Jo Yong Won, Ri Il Hwan, Kim Jae Ryong, O Il Jong, Ju Chang Il, Ri Tu Song, Ri Hi Yong and Kim Yong Gwang.

The venue of the photo session was seething with the great joy and excitement of the participants who were to have a significant photo taken with the General Secretary in the wake of receiving the immortal great programme, which

brightly shows the path for making an ideological revolution in the new era, at the workshop of epochal significance in bringing earlier the great new victory of Korean-style socialism under the uplifted banner of the ideology-first principle.

As the General Secretary came to the venue, all the participants broke into thunderous cheers of "Hurrah!", looking up to him, symbol of the dignity and glory of the WPK and the state and the great leader of the Juche revolution who, with his distinguished wisdom and tested leadership, sounds the bugle of advance inspiring all the people and ushers in a new period of socialist construction with the great power of ideology.

He gave an encouraging warm salute

to the participants who have devoted themselves to the sacred and responsible work for cementing the politico-ideological position firmly supporting the Party, revolution and social system while making the masses have the same idea and breathe the same air with the Party at every workplace and post of the country.

Saying that the Party information workers should become the undying torchlight and thunder of the WPK in strengthening in every way the politico-ideological might, the greatest national power decisive of the victorious advance of Korean-style socialism and the invincible might peculiar to Juche Korea, the General Secretary expressed belief that the participants in the

workshop would hold fast to the Juche theory of giving importance to ideology as the motive force of innovation, creation and advance and dynamically accelerate the revolution through a powerful ideological offensive rocking the whole country and had a photo taken with them.

All the participants hardened their strong will to glorify their high honour of being the information workers of the WPK in the sacred struggle to model the entire Party and the whole society on the revolutionary ideology of the Party Central Committee, the immutable truth and the ever-victorious banner of the Korean revolution, and to dynamically propel the comprehensive development of socialist construction.

Kim Jong Un has photo taken with defence scientists, technicians, munitions industry workers



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Kim Jong Un, general secretary of the Workers' Party of Korea and president of the State Affairs of the Democratic People's Republic of Korea, had a photo session with the officials, scientists, technicians and workers in the field of the defence industry who contributed to the successful test fire of new-type ICBM Hwasongpho-17.

Kim Jong Sik and Jang Chang Ha were present there.

The venue of the photo session was seething with the great joy and excitement of the participants who were to have a significant photo taken, which will be the one of their lifetime honour, under the loving care of the respected Comrade Kim Jong Un and amid the blessings of the people across the country, with the great pride and honour of having produced a core nuclear strike means representing the DPRK strategic forces, another fruition and great creation of self-reliance born of our own efforts in the course of the sacred struggle to sharpen the treasured sword for defending the dignity and sovereignty and peace of the country.

As General Secretary Kim Jong Un came to the venue, all the participants broke into thunderous cheers of

"hurrah!", paying highest tribute to him, the symbol of the mightiness of Juche Korea and the ever-victorious banner, who brought about the remarkable event of demonstrating once again the innovative development of the country's defence capability all over the world with the faith of Mt Paektu, steel-strong will and extraordinary leadership ability.

He returned a militant salute of warm congratulations to the reliable soldiers in the field of the defence industry who made a contribution to consolidating the war deterrent, more perfect and stronger, for reliably defending the security and future of the country and the people with the indomitable spiritual strength, boundless devotion and matchless creativity whereby they have wrought unprecedented miracles to meet any demand of the Party and the revolution, unconditionally and absolutely supporting it.

He also offered warm congratulations and all glory to our great people who built by their own efforts the absolute force of self-defence that cannot be bartered for nor be bought with anything and held it firm without the slightest vacillation in the face of harsh trials and difficulties, saying that this signal development of the Juche-based

national defence is unthinkable without the trust and ardent patriotism of all the people who rendered unconditional and absolute support and encouragement to the indispensable sacred cause of building up the country's nuclear war deterrent.

We must be strong under whatever circumstances to defend peace, accelerate socialist construction and ensure the security of the rising generations, free from any threat, he said. He expressed once again our Party's will to build the strong defence capability in order to defend the security and future of our country and people with the more solid and perfect and stronger strategic force, an absolute power.

The defence capability in the true sense of word precisely means the powerful strike capability, he said, adding that only when we are equipped with the formidable offensive capability, overwhelming military power that cannot be stopped by anyone, can we prevent a war, guarantee the security of the country and contain and put under control all threats and blackmails by the imperialists. He declared that we would continue to attain the defence build-up goal and develop much more powerful strike means to equip our army with them.

The unyielding revolutionary spirit and exceptional patriotism displayed by the defence scientists and technicians and the munitions industry workers who are devotedly carrying into practice the Party's unique idea on the self-reliant defence strategy are the inexhaustible strength of our Party, he said, expressing his expectation and conviction that they would as ever strive with redoubled courage for the development and security of our great state and the victorious advance of our revolutionary cause, and thus perfect the country's nuclear war deterrent at an accelerating pace.

Encouraged by his deep trust and warm benevolence, all the participants made their firm pledge to steadily and vigorously attain the ultra-modern goals for bolstering up the defence capability so as to make the military technological advantages, the absolute power possessed by Juche Korea, further irreversible with intense loyalty to the Party Central Committee's grand plan and determination.

The Central Committee of the Workers' Party of Korea gave a reception for the officials, scientists, technicians and workers in the field of the defence industry who contributed to the successful test fire of new-type ICBM Hwasongpho-17.

Letter sent to participants in First Workshop of Officials in Information Field of WPK

General Secretary Kim Jong Un calls on information officials to eliminate formalism and bring about a turn in Party's ideological work

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Kim Jong Un, general secretary of the Workers' Party of Korea, sent an important letter to those attending the First Workshop of Officials in the Information Field of the WPK, entitled *On Eliminating Formalism and Bringing about a Fundamental Innovation in the Party's Ideological Work*, on Monday.

Noting that the workshop is held at a historic time when our dignified and powerful state unfolded a grand plan for its overall development and has demonstrated its great unity and tremendous, underlying strength, the respected Comrade Kim Jong Un in his letter said:

I extend greetings of enthusiastic encouragement to the participants in the workshop and all other information workers of the Party who have made significant contributions to the great work for bolstering the politico-ideological strength, the foremost power of our Party and social system, exerting efforts to make the Party and the popular masses breathe in one and the same idea.

I would also like to take this opportunity to extend warm militant greetings to the primary information workers across the country who have spared no efforts for the ideological education and transformation of people, always finding themselves among the masses and in the ideological positions of the Juche revolution as well as to other comrades who are striving at such important posts of the Party's ideological front as the fields of the preservation of revolutionary relics, literature and the arts and media.

The thought-out and bold struggle which our Party and people have been carrying on after the historic Eighth Congress of the Party opened up a new victorious phase of bringing about significant changes in succession by courageously advancing in the face of the worst difficulties, and our revolution has finally and confidently reached its higher stage of achieving the comprehensive development of socialist construction.

Despite continued severe hardships and challenges, our revolution is vigorously advancing.

The Fourth Plenary Meeting of the Eighth Party Central Committee decided to surely guarantee the successful implementation of the new five-year plan set forth at the Party Congress and make substantial progress in improving the people's living standard, and put forward a grand programme for ultimate solution to the socialist rural question.

To carry out such important tasks which would never be easy to fulfil owing to manifold barriers to our advance, we should regard the ideological and moral strength of the popular masses as the foremost weapon as ever and stir it up in every way.

The Juche theory of giving importance to ideology, which means that ideology decides everything and there is nothing impossible to do when the people are motivated ideologically, will fully demonstrate its

justness and vitality forever as our Party's principle in leading revolution and its political philosophy.

For our Party constantly holding fast to the Juche theory of giving importance to ideology, the ideological work is most important among all its works.

The ideology-first principle is just the fundamental key to emerging victorious from difficult situations and a way of revolution peculiar to the WPK. The Party Central Committee attaches the foremost importance to the ideological front in order to propel the victorious advance of the revolution and reliably guarantee it by dint of ideology.

The Party information workers play a very important role in implanting the ideas and policies of the Party Central Committee deep into the mind of officials, Party members and other working people and orienting all their efforts to the one goal of implementing the Party policies and inspiring them to attain it.

Not only the work for patiently and substantially educating all members of society to accept the idea of the Party Central Committee and arm themselves with it, but also huge share of the work for correctly embodying the Party Central Committee's plan and will in the whole field of the revolutionary struggle, socialist construction and social life are carried out through the operation and practice of the Party information field. Particularly important in steadily increasing the might of the single-minded unity of our revolutionary ranks and making the whole country keep strong faith and be full of vim and vigour is the duty of the Party information workers.

When they are well prepared enough to fulfil their duty, ideological purity and unity of the Party and the revolutionary ranks will be ensured, and the Party's leadership over socialist construction will produce satisfactory results. It is the truth proved by history and reality that socialism remains steadfast and advances victoriously as much as the Party ideological front is solid and vibrant.

The Party Central Committee organized this workshop to awaken all the Party officials to the importance of the ideological work once again and inspire the Party information workers to renewed efforts so that they can display enormous strength in their revolutionary work full of imposing dignity and honour.

It is the noble title awarded to the information workers particularly among all the Party officials that they are called faithful mouthpieces of the Party Central Committee and buglers of the revolution.

Our Party information workers should become powerful loudspeakers, microphones and hi-fi amplifiers in conveying and communicating the Party Central Committee's idea and intention down to the lowest unit correctly in time and arousing the entire Party, the whole country and all the people to their materialization. This is the main spirit of this workshop.

It has already been emphasized that the Party information field should become a hi-fi amplifier which correctly conveys the Party's idea and intention. The Party Central Committee's aim is to further raise the output of those loudspeakers and microphones, in other words, to remarkably enhance the role and might of the Party information field through the workshop.

"Let the Party information workers become powerful loudspeakers and hi-fi amplifiers faithful to the Party Central Committee!", this is the slogan to be upheld by our information workers and main spirit to be fully displayed by them at present.

The main mission of our Party ideological work is to model the entire Party and the whole society on the revolutionary idea of the Party Central Committee.

This means, in a word, making the Party Central Committee's idea and intention dominate the struggle and life of all the members of society. In other words, it means fully arming the officials, Party members, other working people and the rising generations with the Party Central Committee's idea and policies before thoroughly and perfectly embodying them in the overall fields of Party building and activities, state affairs and social life.

The cause of modelling the entire Party and the whole society on the revolutionary idea of the Party Central Committee urgently requires a great revolution in the ideological work. Now the revolution and the times demand fresh innovations, bold creation and continual advance, and for this the ideological front should make the first step and bring about fundamental changes as befits its mission of inspiring and leading all changes and development in practice.

Kim Jong Un stressed in the letter that an important matter in improving the Party ideological work is to intensify the theoretical study and the work of disseminating theories.

Noting that the Party building can be done without deviation and the victorious advance of socialism can be guaranteed only when precedence is given to the ideological and theoretical building, he said that to carry forward to completion the revolutionary cause of Juche generation after generation means just the inheritance of ideology and ism and traditions of struggle.

Saying that the political and theoretical circles should be powerful so as to steadily develop in depth the Party's ideological work as required by the revolutionary practice, he indicated the detailed orientation and ways for raising the level and role of the political and theoretical circles.

Noting it is the analysis made by the Party Central Committee at present that the revolution in the Party's ideological work should start in shattering formalism, he set forth the tasks for thoroughly eradicating formalism that remains in the Party's ideological work.

In order to root out formalism, we should, first of all, make Party information workers keep as their lifeline the mission of paramount importance that they are entirely responsible for the ideological and moral life of all the people who live on this land, he said.

Noting that lack of awareness of being masters of the revolution is the ideological basis of formalism, he stressed that the attitude unbecoming for masters should be no longer allowed among Party information workers.

Saying that officials in the information field are the revolutionaries who are directly in charge of the Party’s ideological front and the masters of our Party’s ideological work, he added that the Party information workers should be responsible for the ideological life of the Party members and other working people in their areas and units before the Party and guarantee the mental growth of the rising generations before the country and the revolution.

Noting that if they forget such important mission even a moment, it will leave a vacuum in the brains of the people and break the Party’s ideological front and such consequences cannot be made up for by anything, he said that the Party information workers should take charge of the ideological education among the people, be aware of their important obligations as professional revolutionaries guiding the ideological remoulding and positively find and use the fresh way and the best method for information work and education.

After analysing the forms of vivid manifestation of formalism in the Party’s ideological work and aftermath of them, he stressed that in order to root out formalism remaining in the sphere of the ideological work, it is necessary to make it an iron rule and strict discipline for the Party’s ideological field to hold fast to the important contents of the ideological work as intended and distributed by the Party Central Committee and conduct effective interactive ideological work.

He emphasized that the theoretical education is the first task for firmly arming all members of the society with the revolutionary idea of the Party Central Committee.

He said that it is necessary to make the officials, Party members and other working people and rising generations easily realize the essence, structural system and deep contents of the Juche idea, the guiding ideology of our Party, and explain the theory of the Party’s politics in combination with the actual work and life and in a proper and reasonable way so as to make them grasp the Juche idea correctly and theoretically and adopt it as part of their outlook on the world and viewpoint on life.

He noted that the essence of ideological education is the education in the greatness of the Party and the education in the loyalty to it, adding that it would be no more than empty talks to call for modelling the whole society on the monolithic idea without implanting the greatness of the Party in the minds of the officials, Party members and working people and educating them to be faithful to its leadership.

He said that the education in the greatness of the Party and the education in the loyalty to it are inseparable, and the aim of implanting the greatness and exploits of the Party and the leaders in the minds of the officials, Party members and working people is to make them regard the loyalty as their faith and conscience. He noted that only when they are impressed by the greatness of the Party and the leaders through their actual life experience and absolutely follow the Party and the leaders, not just

based on the explanation of principles, their loyalty will certainly be honest and firm.

He said that it is necessary to conduct the education methodologically so as to help the officials, Party members and working people fully understand the greatness of the Party.

He said that our Party which keeps the people-first principle as its political idea has made all efforts to stabilize and improve the standard of people’s living as soon as possible, adding that even on the harsh conditions, the works for realizing the Party’s long-cherished desire for the people were conducted in a bold way and thus valuable fruitions have been attained and the attention of the Party and the state is focused most preferentially on protecting the people’s interests and promoting their wellbeing.

It is important to provide the people with a happy and highly-civilized life but it is more important to educate them to be thankful for the benefits of the Party and the state sincerely and strive to repay them, he said.

He stressed the importance of effectively conducting the education through revolutionary relics in the ideological education at present.

He said that ideological degeneration originates from being oblivious of history and tradition, and a human being is little short of a corpse if he or she is devoid of mental source, adding that’s why he prioritizes the education through revolutionary relics and leadership exploits and emphasizes several times that it should never be neglected.

He noted that it can be said that the education through revolutionary relics and Party’s leadership exploits is the roots of our Party’s ideological work and that the ideological education originates from it. He said that the education through revolutionary relics and leadership exploits means the education in the revolutionary traditions and the education in the greatness of the leaders and the education in the loyalty to them.

He stressed that it is necessary to courteously furbish the educational bases including revolutionary museums, rooms where revolutionary relics are exhibited, rooms for the education in the revolutionary history and rooms dedicated to the history of units and always pay deep attention to the education through them.

He said that the education in implanting the Party’s leadership exploits associated with one’s field, unit and area in the minds of the people is a crucial task for every Party official, senior Party official in particular, which should be examined and disseminated by them every morning and evening and be reviewed in strong terms by them on a daily, weekly, monthly and quarterly basis. He added that all the Party officials should regard it as their habit and peculiar daily task.

He stressed that it is necessary to conduct the education in patriotism steadily and effectively.

He said it is important to make all the people across the country regard patriotism cherished and embodied by Chairman Kim Jong Il all his life as their viewpoint on life, possess the noble ideological and spiritual qualities of a socialist worker and devote themselves to socialist construction with pure and ardent patriotism.

He noted that it is needed to make the people’s daily life the course of nurturing, cherishing and hardening patriotism, adding that the aim of our Party in providing the rising generations with school uniforms, shoes, schoolbags, notebooks and other school things made by our own efforts at the state’s expenses responsibly is to make them feel thankful to the Party and the state from childhood and acquire the nature of valuing their native home, motherland and their own things.

He stressed that the Party’s information field should

understand that the education in patriotism should be neither a lecture nor instillation in any case and only when it helps the people realize and cultivate patriotism in their daily life, can it be possible to train them to be genuine patriots in the era of our state-first principle. He said that it is essential to positively seek the methodology for bringing patriotism closer to the people’s life and work and put it to practical use.

He noted that the Party organizations at all levels should pay attention to preparing various political events with much care and holding them at the highest level so as to make them important occasions for education in patriotism, adding it is an opportunity of great effect to raise the people’s awareness to remain faithful to their duty proper to a citizen for their great motherland shining with the august names of President Kim Il Sung and Chairman Kim Jong Il and emerging victorious under the leadership of the Party while looking up to the national flag and singing the national anthem.

He said that it is necessary to take initiatives in the education in collectivism in close correlation with the education in class awareness and morality on the principle of helping all members of society overcome individualism and egoism and acquire the ideological and moral qualities befitting a socialist human being.

In the 1950s when the spirit of Chollima was created on the debris after the war, people regarded it as their bounden duty, honour and pride to devote themselves to the affairs of worksites and the country, overcoming hardships with confidence in the future though they lived in poverty because of tough economic conditions, he noted, saying that such a sound social trait should be carried forward as our peculiar national custom not only for today but also for the future.

Consciousness that anyone can overcome the difficulties encountered and bring about prosperity and happiness when he or she creates wealth of society by industrious efforts at a factory and a workplace should be implanted, he added.

Kim Jong Un stressed the need to concentrate the ideological campaign on anti-socialist and non-socialist practice in a minute way.

Saying that mass oppressive offensive and social struggle atmosphere should be raised continuously and methodologically to beat all kinds of negative phenomena that gnaw away at our revolutionary position and crush them without mercy, he noted that the Party’s information work is a keystone in sweeping away evil spirits of anti-socialism and non-socialism finding their way into the heads of the people.

Officials in the Party’s information field should be a skilled physician to timely, quickly and correctly give diagnosis and precise prescription for alien ideological factors and phenomena and scalpel and remove the cause of a trouble in time, he said.

He stressed the need to fiercely unleash an information and agitation offensive so as to make the whole country seethe with struggle for achieving a new victory of socialism by implementing the idea and policies of the Party Central Committee.

The Eighth Conference of Ideological Workers of the Workers’ Party of Korea put emphasis on building up the Party’s ideological position in the direction of attacking formation, not defensive formation, but the Party’s information field failed to get down to this work positively while repeating the words of revolutionary ideological offensive and ideological position of attack formation, he pointed out, saying: Information offensive

spreading the idea of the Party Central Committee to the whole country and agitation offensive stirring up a hot wind of implementation of the Party policies should be the inherent nature of the Party’s ideological work.

When the Party Central Committee advances a new fighting programme or policy, the Party information workers exclusively appointed for the post and primary Party information workers should turn out to give lectures and conduct explanatory statement offensive in succession, media should intensively and consecutively carry articles and programs reflecting the Party policies to foster the atmosphere, and the art squads and groups for agitation for increased production should wage vigorous performing activities for increased production at major worksites of socialist construction, he said.

He stressed the need to give priority to the information and inspiration by visual means in the information and publicity work and ensure the political and ideological principles and timeliness.

Revolutionaries of Juche type advocating the theory of giving precedence to ideology should attach importance to the ideological content, when forming a street and building a structure, and make sure that the features of world-level political power and the spiritual development of our times are retained, he said, adding: Visual means like slogans and watchwords are important information and inspiration means and a lever of the ideological work that can never be neglected. The Party’s information sector should always bear this in mind.

Inspiring slogans and watchwords directly and visibly reflecting the idea and policies of the Party Central Committee should be displayed everywhere, thus making the whole country a collection of slogans and an education field.

Information and publicity should be the one to evoke sympathy of the masses and stir up their hearts. To this end, it is important to keenly penetrate into the people’s consciousness and mentality and mobilize all the possible means and forces in keeping with circumstances and momentum and steadily improve the forms and methods.

Kim Jong Un detailed the issues of making the whole country seethe with enthusiasm for revolution and struggle by producing many masterpieces suited to the requirements of the new era of change and prosperity in literature and the arts field as a whole by bringing about a turn in the film creation, an ideological education means of the greatest influence, as the origin.

He stressed the need to steadily improve the forms and methods of ideological work on the principle of ensuring novel and popular character and raising the cognitional and educational effect.

Saying that the ideological work should be done substantially and deeply, he noted it is a consistent demand of the Party Central Committee that strict vigilance over imitation and repetition should be kept in the Party’s ideological work and strenuous efforts be paid to create new modality and methods suited to the new era.

He said that *Rodong Sinmun*, organ of the Party, and other newspapers and publications should continue to renovate their styles while carrying many articles helpful to modelling the entire Party and the whole society on the monolithic idea befitting the guide of ideological revolution, and the TV and radio broadcasting sector which has gained public favour by recently producing in succession peculiar and fresh programs that give deep impression should further enhance the might of

our broadcasting while valuably nurturing the already made successes.

He underscored the need to stir up the wind for creating new and modern means and modes by widely introducing the latest sci-tech achievements into the information and publicity work.

He expounded the ways for conducting the work in the Party information field actively and creatively while stirring up the wind for putting it on modern and IT basis, including the issue of buckling down to the wide introduction of modern science and technology and other IT means to major forms of the Party ideological work like education, lecture and agitation, regarding it as an essential revolutionary task and the issue of adopting our own style of means and methods of the ideological work in a creative way by reinforcing and mobilizing talents.

Kim Jong Un stressed the need to find out deviations from the Party’s information field in all aspects and take proper measures to enhance the promptness and effectiveness of the ideological offensive.

He also called on officials in the Party’s information field to raise their level and capabilities to the maximum to meet the requirement of the revolution, the desire of the times and the expectation of the people.

Those officials specialize in the work of dealing with the thinking of all sorts of people and therefore, they should possess high political awareness and multi-faceted abilities, he said, adding that only when the officials in the Party’s information field are brought up to be perfect elite elements possessed of high insight and qualifications, is it possible to further strengthen the entire Party politically and ideologically and overcome conventional and stereotyped work style in the ideological work and effect a great turn.

He called on the officials in the Party’s information field to create examples and set experiences in making all the members of the Party study, mindful that a main key to bringing about a fundamental change in the Party’s ideological work lies in improving qualifications.

He detailed broad issues ranging from the issue of stirring up the revolutionary study wind throughout the Party and society, especially the issue for the officials in the Party’s information field to make it a rule to study in a planned and serious way on a regular basis, the issue of establishing the trait of studying the Party’s idea, the actual situation and one’s work while racking one’s brains all the time, the issue for the Party information officials to raise their composition and presentation skills, to the issue of building up the ranks of Party information workers with talents with extensive knowledge on the principle of selecting and promoting talents.

He underscored the need to enhance the key role of the Information and Publicity Department of the Party Central Committee in radically improving the Party’s ideological work.

The Information and Publicity Department of the Party Central Committee has to be a control tower of the Party ideological front and put efforts into the work of doing the Party’s ideological work in a tactical way on a long-term basis, he said, adding that it should take preemptive measures and set up the traits of doing all things in a perfect way so as to defend our revolutionary and ideological position.

All the officials in the Information and Publicity Department of the Party Central Committee should raise their awareness as being masters in charge of the Party’s ideological front and carry out tasks entrusted to them on the highest level without any defect in

practice.

He also called for establishing the strict discipline in the information field throughout the Party, for the Party officials to give priority to the ideological work and set up the traits of active cooperation in the information field.

Saying that in our country where the Juche theory of giving precedence to ideology is embodied under the leadership of the Workers’ Party, all the officials should conduct the ideological work characterized by the mind of the people, he noted that they have to motivate the people. He continued that they have to find out and take charge of the work from the stand of assuming responsibilities if they are to help defend and consolidate the Party ideological position.

The leading officials of the Party committees at all levels including the provincial, city and county committees should show deep care for the Party’s information field work ranging from designing and operation to execution, give their positive opinions and take the lead in solving knotty problems and creating examples, from the firm stand of taking full responsibility for the Party’s ideological work in their regions, sectors and units.

The working traits of the Party committees should be the ones of orientating the overall work of its departments and officials to contributing to carrying out the ideological revolution and embodying the idea-first principle and solving all problems arising in the Party work through coordinated operation with the Information and Publicity Department, he said.

The officials in the Party’s information field are doing lots of work, in fact, he said. He spoke highly of them, saying that our Party’s ideological front is being defended thanks to the officials in the information field who render great exertions for the mass education and ideological transformation while burning their hearts with the resolution to prove the worthy of the expectation of the Party and the people although they are pressed for everything.

Genuine information workers desired by our Party are ardent loyalists who lay down their lives in order to defend the ideology and prestige of the Party, transparent-minded revolutionaries who are only intent on doing the revolution though they might be poorly fed and conscientious and able persons who fulfill the revolutionary tasks by displaying their qualification and good working traits, rather than their rights, he said, adding that our Party regards it as a great pride and strength to have the ranks made up of tens of thousands of loyal and stalwart Party information workers.

The ideological revolution in the new era will certainly emerge victorious as there are standard-bearers in the ideological front and dependable pillars inspiring the people with the idea and intention of the Party Central Committee while sounding loudly the advance trumpet century after century and generation after generation the same way it was blown by the anti-Japanese guerrillas and the great and faithful people throwing in their lot with the Party to the last, he said. He ardently appealed to all to work hard to bring earlier the new victory of Korean-style socialism on the great strength of ideology, full of courage and confidence.

The important letter sent by the respected Comrade Kim Jong Un to the participants in the First Workshop of Officials in the Information Field of the WPK is an inspiring banner that instilled fresh vigour into the ideological front firmly guaranteeing and spurring the advance of the new era of state prosperity, and an immortal programme for opening up the new stirring era of the revolution by dint of ideology.

First Workshop of Officials in Information Field of WPK held

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The First Workshop of Officials in the Information Field of the Workers' Party of Korea took place at the April 25 House of Culture in Pyongyang from March 28 to 30.

Attending the workshop were officials of organizational and information and publicity departments of provincial, city and county Party committees and other Party committees that perform the same function, leading party officials of ministries and national agencies, information workers of institutions, industrial establishments and cooperative farms, officials in the field of the preservation of revolutionary relics and officials of relevant departments of the Party Central Committee.

The platform of the workshop was taken by Ri Il Hwan, Kim Jae Ryong, O Il Jong, Ju Chang Il, Ri Tu Song and other leading officials of the Organizational Leadership Department, the Information and Publicity Department and relevant departments of the WPK Central Committee, information secretaries of the provincial Party committees, information officials of the Cabinet and ministries and officials of important units in the information field.

As the workshop was declared open, the national anthem of the DPRK was solemnly played.

Ri Il Hwan, member of the Political Bureau and secretary of the WPK Central Committee, courteously read out an important letter *On Eliminating Formalism and Bringing about a Fundamental Innovation in the Party's Ideological Work* sent by Kim Jong Un, general secretary of the WPK, to those attending the First Workshop of Officials in the Information Field of the WPK.

Ri Il Hwan delivered a report. He said that the rapid progress in the new century of the Juche era put our country on the position of a superpower with tremendous might and ushered in a new era of great change and steady prosperity in which Korean-style socialism advances victoriously with confidence, stressing that this proud change is a miracle of history proving the greatness of Kim Jong Un's revolutionary idea



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and its great vitality.

Kim Jong Un put forward such unique ideas and theories as the strategy of lasting significance for our revolution, the idea on Kim Jong Il's patriotism, the politics of the people-first principle, the idea on our state-first principle and the idea on the comprehensive development of socialism, he said. They serve as an invincible great programme and a powerful weapon for inspiring all the people to turn out for the historic advance for maintaining Korean-style socialism and achieving a fresh victory, he noted.

Kim Jong Un always attached primary importance to intensifying the Party ideological work, clarified its general mission through his energetic ideo-theoretical activities and comprehensively expounded the theoretical and practical issues arising in improving the ideological work in accordance with the demand of the times and the developing revolution, he said, and went on:

The ideas and theories advanced by the General Secretary, including the idea and theory of strengthening the five-point education and turning the entire Party into a studying party and the policy on

setting the orientation, goal and method of the Party ideological work in a far-sighted way and thoroughly implementing them and on constantly enhancing the infiltration and effectiveness of the ideological work, are immortal important guidelines for bringing about an innovation in the Party ideological work.

The General Secretary has wisely led the work to strengthen the internal strength and advance socialist construction to victory by dint of ideology.

The reporter said that the undying exploits of the General Secretary, who is leading the Korean revolution along the road of victory to usher in a new era of great innovations and prosperity by holding fast to the Juche theory of giving precedence to ideology as the ever-victorious banner and the almighty treasured sword, will go down in the history of the country.

The report impartially criticized the Party organizations and officials in the Party information field for failing to conduct information and publicity activities in a novel and effective way.

Stressing it is the basic mission

and general goal of our Party's ideological work at present to model the entire Party and the whole society on Kimilsungism-Kimjongilism, the reporter called on the Party information workers to become vanguard fighters in carrying out the sacred cause of modelling the entire Party and the whole society on the revolutionary idea of the respected General Secretary.

Speeches were made there. The participants analyzed and reviewed in depth their past work in the light of the main idea and spirit of the letter sent by WPK General Secretary Kim Jong Un.

The speakers said that the important letter of the General Secretary is a great undying programme as it clarifies the most correct schemes and the best ways for drastically strengthening the political and ideological power, the greatest might of the Party and social system, by making a fundamental turn in the work of the information field of the Party, as required by the historic stage of switching over to the comprehensive development of Korean-style socialist construction.

They also referred to the experience in the past information

and publicity work and the successes made by the units which have taken the lead in implementing the Party policies by giving full play to the spiritual strength of officials and working people.

They said that they have made marked progress in implementing the Party policies by making every work of the Party committees consistent with the ideological work and strongly urging all officials to proactively conduct the information and publicity work as a priority, as intended by the Party Central Committee, stressing that all the Party members should be information workers and motivators.

The speakers also referred to the innovative working styles and methods they applied to effecting a great revolutionary upsurge by launching an ideological campaign with an unyielding offensive spirit.

Sternly analyzed and reviewed at the workshop were the tendency to formalism and failures to decisively improve the ideological work and the information and publicity work as required by the radically developing revolution.

There was a short course on the theoretical and practical matters arising in deeply studying and understanding the essence of the important letter of the respected Comrade Kim Jong Un and bringing about a signal innovation in all spheres of the Party ideological work under the uplifted banner of the ideological revolution in the new era.

Lectures were given by Ri Il Hwan, member of the Political Bureau and secretary of the WPK Central Committee, and educational workers of Central Cadres Training School of the WPK.

The short course called for regarding it as the general orientation and target of the Party ideological work to model the entire Party and the whole society on the respected Comrade Kim Jong Un's revolutionary ideas.

A letter of pledge reflecting the participants' steadfast faith and will to become standard-bearers in the ideological front who will prepare all the members of society as ardent followers, passionate supporters and credible implementers of the revolutionary ideas of the General Secretary was adopted at the workshop with their enthusiastic applause.

National photo exhibition opens to mark anniv of Kim Jong Un's election to top posts

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A national photo exhibition "A Decade of Great Victory and Change" was opened in celebration of the tenth anniversary of the respected Comrade Kim Jong Un's election to the top posts of the Party and state.

On display in the venue of the exhibition are the photos of Kim Jong Un showing the sacred history of his revolutionary leadership.

Its opening ceremony took place at the April 25 House of Culture on March 27.

It was attended by Ri Il Hwan, secretary of the Central Committee of the Workers' Party of Korea, Sung Jong Gyu, minister of Culture, and officials in the Party information sector and those from relevant sectors.

Ri Il Hwan delivered an opening address.

He said that General Secretary Kim Jong Un has led the WPK and the state to make the noble revolutionary careers and immortal exploits of President Kim Il Sung and Chairman Kim Jong Il shine forever and make the Korean revolution pioneered on Mt Paektu enter a new era of its development.

After the ceremony, the participants looked round the exhibits.



HOME NEWS

KCNA

100 000-cubic-metre blast carried out

The Sunchon Limestone Mine conducted a 100 000-cubic-metre blast on March 29.

The mine attached significance to this blast in pushing ahead with the production of cement needed for rural construction and completed a design that helped increase the blasting efficiency. Also, it ensured full-capacity operation of the tunnelling equipment, thus overfulfilling the daily plans by over 20 percent every day.

Consumer goods shows held in North Phyongan, South Hamgyong

Consumer goods shows were held respectively in North Phyongan and South Hamgyong provinces with an eye to further revitalizing their production of consumer goods.

On display at the North Phyongan provincial exhibition were more than 34 500 pieces of consumer goods in over 1 000 kinds including different kinds of daily necessities, grasswork, highly-effective Koryo medicines and quality light industry products.

More than 400 000 pieces of products were displayed to the South Hamgyong provincial consumer goods exhibition.

Different kinds of medical appliances, stylish and useful plastic and fibre products, fruit jams and processed

marine products are much favoured by the visitors.

Sowing starts in tree nurseries

Tree seed sowing is in full swing in different nurseries throughout the country. South Hwanghae Province secures good species of tree seeds and carries out its daily plan without fail.

Nampho City spreads over scores of tons of quality organic manure per hectare in the areas to be planted with trees and plants seeds that suits climatic and soil conditions and are of high economic value.

Kaesong City speeds up sowing while taking thorough measures for the prevention of damage caused by birds and animals.

University graduates volunteer to work at revolutionary battle sites, in remote schools

Dozens of graduates from Wonsan University of Education and Wonsan Ri Su Dok Teachers Training College volunteered to work at the revolutionary battle sites in Mt Paektu area and at schools in the frontline areas and mountain villages and on remote islands.

Among them are former students of schools for orphans who grew up under the care of the Workers' Party of Korea for the rising

generation.

A meeting was held at the Songdowon Youth Open-Air Theatre on March 27 to congratulate the volunteers.

Public support helpful to preparations for new school year

Public support for education grew in Pyongyang in March, a month dedicated to support for schools.

Dozens of units in the city secured a large quantity of materials and teaching aids and furnishings needed for education and sent them to universities and colleges, middle and primary schools and kindergartens.

The Pyongyang Municipal Garment Industry Management Bureau carefully looked after the students of Pyongyang Middle School for Orphans.

Macrobian receives birthday spread

The respected Comrade Kim Jong Un sent a birthday spread to Han Hyon Sik living in neighbourhood unit No. 18, Jungsan-ri, Hwadae County, on her 100th birthday.

She expressed her gratitude to the respected General Secretary, saying that she received an undeserved birthday spread while enjoying a happy and comfortable life under the warm care of the Workers' Party.

The elderly woman has dozens of descendants and is now enjoying her remaining years in good health while doing household chores and tending the kitchen garden.

April Spring Friendship Art Festival to be held

KCNA

The 32nd April Spring Friendship Art Festival is to be held in Pyongyang on the occasion of the 110th birth anniversary of President Kim Il Sung.

Art, dance and acrobatic troupes composed of winners of international and national contests and celebrated artistes from dozens of countries, as well as art troupes of overseas Koreans, will take part in the festival by sending video footages of their performances through the international communications network.

The festival organizing committee will examine the videos from all the art groups, edit them by group, individual and general performances and televise them on the Korean Central TV. The progress of the festival and the jury findings will be published on internet websites like the "Korean Arts".

Posters brought out for Seventh April Spring People's Art Festival, 32nd April Spring Friendship Art Festival



Posters for the Seventh April Spring People's Art Festival (left) and for the 32nd April Spring Friendship Art Festival (right).

‘We will boost grain production with sci-tech hits’

Our institute is now engaged in developing scientific and technological results conducive to boosting grain production. Main efforts are being directed to presenting those with high efficacy and appropriate to domestic conditions.

We have snatched twice the February 16 Science and Technology Prize, the top sci-tech honour in the DPRK, by establishing a technology for mass-production of composite nutrient for rice-seedling beds and its application and enabling the mass-production and introduction of suspension concentrate seed coating materials.

The nutrient makes it possible to grow healthy rice seedlings without fertilizing them on beds.

The suspension concentrate seed coating materials almost completely exterminate such earthworms as maggot and *Agriotes sericeus* to protect seeds and promote

their growth, increasing per-hectare yield. They are much welcomed in the agricultural sector as the amount of them is much less and it is easy to apply them.

As disastrous abnormal weather lingers, we achieve successes in developing fertilizers, nutrients, coating materials, insecticides and herbicides highly resistant to drought, cold weather, high temperature and salt.

Typical of them is biodegradable surface coating materials.

At present, rice-seedling beds are covered with vinyl sheets and remnants from them cause soil pollution. However, such pollution will be impossible when the biodegradable surface



Kim Yong Sol

coating materials form liquid films on soil.

The research for developing the product for preventing non-productive growth of seedlings witnessed in case temperature rises is at the final stage.

Researchers are also busy developing o r g a n o p h o s p h o r u s compound fertilizer enhancing absorption rate of phosphorus fertilizers and a herbicide lowering production cost by one third.

In keeping with changed crop distribution, we have buckled down to developing dry-field rice seed coating materials, wheat and barley ear fruiting agents and herbicides for wheat and barley fields in vegetative period.

Our institute puts efforts into developing highly-efficacious agrochemicals not harmful to ecological environment by dint of locally-available materials.

In this course, we succeeded in extracting furfural from corncoobs before abstracting growth promoter and germicide from it.

We also developed 17% MIF microoil medicine which lowered production cost by one thirteenth to exterminate *Phraortes elongates*.

Kim Yong Sol, director of the Agrochemistry Institute under the Academy of Agricultural Science

Institute proceeds with the study of slow-acting fertilizer



Researchers are engaged in the study of slow-acting fertilizer solution at the Agrochemistry Institute of the Academy of Agricultural Science.

AN YONG CHOL / THE PYONGYANG TIMES

By Jong Hwa Sun PT

The Agrochemistry Institute of the Academy of Agricultural Science is intensifying the study of slow-acting fertilizer.

The technology maintains the efficiency of fertilizer, reduces its loss, prevents environmental pollution and saves labour.

According to Ri Ju Nam, the head of a laboratory, many countries have

concentrated on the study to contribute to increasing crop yield.

This institute built a slow-acting fertilizer laboratory some years ago and has pressed ahead with this study.

This urea fertilizer comes in the type of physically coated granules and the type of substrate absorbing urea.

The main thing in the study of the granular fertilizer is the liquid

coating material and it is said to be important to choose appropriate material for resolving it into nutritious substance.

The researchers have provided a scientific and technical guarantee for the full domestic production of coating materials and developed a coating method.

And they examined the efficiency of this fertilizer through a field test last year.

The result showed an increase of hundreds kilograms of grain per hectare.

On the basis of this, researchers are working on the research to increase its efficiency in the fields by further improving the fertilizer-making technology.

They are also pushing ahead with the establishment of an industrial production method for the slow-acting fertilizer.

Following the road of patriotism

Devotion to railway tracks



The 1st railway platoon of the marshalling yard of the Pyongyang trackmen's team under the Pyongyang Railway Bureau has taken the first place for the past 28 years in the judgment of zero railway platoon made by the Ministry of Railways.

The zero railway is said to be a clean railway free from faulty points. And the members of the platoon attribute their retaining the honour for decades to the persistent efforts of their assistant platoon leader.

An 18-year-old lad fresh from a middle school was assigned to the platoon 38 years ago.

The handsome chap of sturdy build was Jang Sun Chol (pictured), the assistant platoon leader at present.

But he was obviously in a bad mood at that time.

"I later knew that he had his mind set on joining the Korean People's Army. He was harbouring only one ardent wish to become a soldier and devote his youthful heart to the country like Hero Ri Su Bok, who blocked the enemy's gun muzzle with his chest to ensure the advance of his unit during the Fatherland Liberation War," recalled Ha Sung Guk, platoon leader at present who had been posted to the marshalling yard a year earlier than Jang.

Three years passed that way, Jang still remaining unsettled. Therefore, the then platoon leader told him: "You can find the place to devote your youthful vigour everywhere. This track of two rails you see every day can be likened to arteries in the human body. As good blood circulation is needed for good health, clear and clean railways are needed for accident-free run of trains and the country can develop so much. That's why we describe railways as the arteries of the country and the pilot of the national economy."

And he led Jang to settle down with an attachment to his job. Jang calmed down gradually and began to display his unusually strong competitive spirit in the repairs of railways. Jang Sun Chol studied hard to be well versed in technical regulations on the four elements of railway—width, horizontality, undulation and direction—and broadened his practical experience with the help of old skilled workers.

He acquired technical knowledge and skills profound enough to identify faulty points at the sight of running trains and on board trains.

As he gained higher qualifications to be a skilled hand, he was appointed assistant platoon leader and elected Party cell secretary as well.

"Our introvert assistant platoon leader does never scold his men. He always puts his shoulders to the wheel to carry out difficult tasks. And he makes selfless, devoted efforts to relieve any sign of their mental anguish and resolve any problems arising in their work and life regarding their trouble as his own," said trackman Hong In Nam.

With his examples and warm human touch, he turned the platoon into one harmonious close-knit family and a pride of the Ministry of Railways.

Everyone acknowledges that every member of the platoon is very attached to railways and has had no absence from work. When asked about his achievements, he is so modest he says that he has done nothing but cleaned railways. And this unassuming trackman had the honour of having a photo taken with General Secretary Kim Jong Un along with other meritorious persons and labour innovators who made a contribution to glorifying the first year in implementing the decisions of the Eighth Congress of the WPK with proud victories.

Mountain, island villages get access to central hospitals online

The telemedicine room of Pyongyang University of Medical Sciences Hospital receives numerous requests for consultation a day

By Pang Un Ju PT

Residents of Changrin Island, which is far away from the capital city, enjoy medical benefits through the telemedicine of Pyongyang University of Medical Sciences Hospital.

The hospital has already given telemedicine service for the working people of Ryanggang and North

Hamgyong provinces and other areas which are far away from the central hospital.

Public interest in and demand for telemedicine grow day by day, section chief Ryu Ryong Chol said, adding that they put efforts into laying material and technical foundations needed for the operation of the telemedicine system so as to enable the curative

and preventive institutions of relevant areas to demand entry at any time to further improve the quality of the service and expand the range of its application.

It is said that the telemedicine room of the hospital is requested to hold a consultation from many health units a day.

According to Ryu Ryong Chol, hundreds of telemedicine



KIM OK BYOL / RODONG SINMUN

Health workers at the Pyongyang University of Medical Sciences Hospital provide telemedicine service to their counterpart in the northern area of the country.

consultations were held this year alone and, in the course of this, patients living in different mountain villages in the northern part of the country and on Changrin Island of the West Sea of Korea passed critical crisis and recovered their health.

"... As I live on an out-of-the-way island, I did not think of curing my disease.

But I could recover my health with the assistance of medical workers of Pyongyang University of Medical Sciences Hospital through telemedicine.

Although I am far away from the capital city, the care of medical workers of the central hospital has always been in the vicinity of me..." Choe Hak Min said in a letter of thanks sent to the hospital.

The telemedicine system provides local doctors with favourable educational conditions for improving their qualifications.

They get the knack of an ample knowledge and experiences in the course of online consultations and receive lectures from the competent medical workers of central hospitals.

One percent possibility turned into 100 percent reality



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Medical workers are pleased that their patient was cured of an injury and stands on his feet at the Sunan District People's Hospital.

By Ri Sung Ik PT

Ri Myong Bom is an honoured disabled soldier living in Sunan District, Pyongyang.

He was fatally wounded during his military service.

At that time, he was 18 years old.

His condition improved to some extent after a dozen operations and treatment, but still he could only walk by relying on crutches.

When he returned home and lived in bed, the medical workers of the Sunan District People's Hospital in Pyongyang voluntarily took charge of treatment of the disabled soldier.

"Myong Bom had a deep wound which was over 10 cm long owing to right femoral multiple osteomyelitis to be developed into gangrene. He developed a high fever of 39 degrees centigrade continuously

and his nutrition was very poor. In fact, it could be claimed to be a miracle that he maintained his health without cutting his leg," said Kim Jong Hu, director of the Sunan District People's Hospital while talking about the symptoms of the then 22-year-old disabled soldier.

His bone pieces collapsed and they became impurities as inflammation was spreading in succession.

Ninety-nine percent of the relevant examination result showed that he had to cut his leg.

The medical workers, however, pinned their hope on the last one percent.

Given that he did not develop gangrene despite osteomyelitis for well over a thousand days, they thought that the condition of the patient might be optimistic.

The medical workers decided to make the one percent possibility into 100 percent reality.

Consultations of doctors were held often about the issues of multiplying the function of bone tissues by increasing autoimmunity, frequently contacting the osteomyelitis hospital and recovering the health of the patient so that he could overcome operation.

The medical workers worked hard to invent a new operation method to reduce the burden on the patient in operation, while introducing various treatment methods to minimize inflammation.

And they visited the hospitals where the patient had previously got treatment to consult about his condition.

The first operation was held 20 days after Myong Bom was hospitalized in the Sunan District People's Hospital.

The long operation was successful, but his condition was still bad.

So, they applied therapies by drugs and psychology and scientific nutrition supplement.

Thanks to their devotion, treatment methods that suit the character of physical quality were updated afresh.

He was hospitalized for over 230 days.

During these days, well over a hundred consultations were held and all treatments were given gratis.

"The thick clinical chart of mine does not contain the sincerity of medical workers. This miracle did not come from any treatment possibility, but was brought about by the socialist health system that values and takes responsible care of human lives," Myong Bom said.

Ordinary yet uncommon event

By Kwon Hyo Song PT

An unexpected happening was witnessed in front of an operating theatre of the Sinhung County People's Hospital in January.

The place was crowded with medical workers of the hospital who were informed of the fact that a skin grafting was to be held for a burnt case.

Although they were not charged with the case, they took care of him with parental affection and made him get through the confines of death from the day when he entered the hospital.

The deputy director of the hospital in charge of technical affairs was the first to donate his skin, followed by other health workers.

The burnt case was Han Man Gi, a farmer from the Kilbong Cooperative Farm in Sinhung County.

As he was taken to the Sinhung County People's Hospital in emergency late last year, he was the focus of the hospital.

Touched by the fact that he did not hesitate to jump into a house in flames in order to save a young child and the family's fortune, its medical workers shared the same will to revive him at any cost.

However, they were very confused at first as he had had the third-degree burn over 40 percent of the whole body.

Although its surgeons had sufficient clinical experience of curing many serious cases, it was the first time that they were faced with such a horrible case in terms of burned degree and area.

He was in a coma and critical. Starting with the theme of "We are gathered here to save Han," the consultation appointed a doctor and

nurse in charge of the patient and took all possible measures.

Not only medical workers but also all the employees of the hospital turned out to save the farmer from the jaws of death.

The telemedicine room, experiment and test lab and pharmacy were on constant alarm, more than 10 times of emergency consultations were given and consultations with the South Hamgyong Provincial People's Hospital were held frequently.

Thanks to their devotion, Han passed deadly crisis and recovered his consciousness before being ready to undergo the first skin grafting.

At that time, officials and scores of medical workers in the hospital voluntarily donated their skin.

The locals in Sinhung County were deeply moved by their devotion. Officials of the county people's committee and working people's organizations and other farmers visited the hospital to encourage him.

Among them were young students.

Their sincerity was a great encouragement to medical workers and served as a source of tireless efforts.

The yard of the hospital was packed with the county officials and people on the day when the patient underwent the second skin grafting.

The operation was successful and the patient recovered his health.

"Each day after I was taken to this hospital was uncommon. I was told many stories about those who had donated their blood and skin to others, but I could not sense the true meaning of a people-centred society before I had a personal experience. I will devote my whole life to those who brought me back to life and this grateful society," Han Man Gi said before leaving the hospital amid a warm send-off of the county people.

International human rights arena should not be tarnished

By Kim In Guk

Some time ago, the “special rapporteur” on human rights situation in the DPRK again let loose a string of remarks viciously vilifying and slandering our state at the 49th Session of the United Nations Human Rights Council.

The “special rapporteur” on human rights situation in the DPRK is by nature a “post” rigged by the illegal anti-DPRK “human rights resolution” which was fabricated by the US and the West out of their objectives to disrupt our single-hearted unity and overthrow our socialist system.

It is axiomatic that we can never expect any fair and impartial words from this “special rapporteur”.

In fact, what the “special rapporteur” did in the last six years was only the spreading of the fabrications full of falsehood

and invention in the name of the UN to mislead the world public, in reckless disregard of the advantageous policy of our Republic on protecting and promoting human rights and the reality of our people enjoying human rights, by taking sides with the US and other impure forces.

This time, the “special rapporteur” blamed us maliciously until the end of the session. This only nakedly discloses his despicable identity as a puppet and a mouthpiece for anti-DPRK “human rights” racket of the US.

The “report” of his invention, too, is nothing but a fake document not worth a farthing which was cooked up with false information provided by the dishonest and hostile elements whose inveterate repugnance and hostility towards our Republic have reached the extreme.

In our country, the people-

first politics has been applied to the entire social life thoroughly and, as a result, the highest and absolute priority is given to the people’s rights and interests and their dignity and rights are firmly guaranteed.

Many foreigners, who saw with their own eyes our people enjoying genuine human rights, never spare their voices of admiration, expressing indignation at dirty acts of the West and its puppets who are misusing human rights as a political tool for their aggression against and interference into the internal affairs of sovereign states.

No wonder that many countries ridiculed and coldly treated the “special rapporteur” at the session as he wrecked and violated the impartiality and objectivity of human rights, saying that the office of special rapporteur dealing with individual countries including the “special rapporteur”

on human rights situation in the DPRK was, in essence, rigged in order to pursue political purposes of the West.

The reality clearly shows that no matter how desperately the US and the West may attempt by putting their puppets like the “special rapporteur” on human rights situation in the DPRK at the forefront, they can never check the world trend towards independence and justice.

Human rights are immediately national rights.

As in the past, we will not in the least acknowledge the “special rapporteur” on human rights situation in the DPRK, but totally break off relations with him.

We will never tolerate anyone who dares to provoke our sovereign rights.

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Substantial changes, practical results



Kim Ung Ho
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Important meetings took place one after another in a little over a year since the Eighth Congress of the WPK, including the second, third and fourth plenary meetings of the Eighth Central Committee of the Workers’ Party of Korea.

The meetings set forth tasks to produce substantial changes and practical results desired and welcomed by the people and took important measures to this end.

As a result, positive changes have come in all fields of state affairs.

The construction project for apartment buildings for 10 000 families in the Songsin and Songhwa area which was started in March last year is nearing completion and a distinctive Pothong Riverside Terraced Houses District was built, with

the result that a new example of house construction has been set. And the City of Samjiyon sprang up as a model of mountainous cultured town to provide good experience for local construction. And flood-stricken areas were rehabilitated in a short period in North and South Hamgyong provinces.

A mine and mountain-gorge city was built in the Komdok area, witnessing a happy event of moving into new homes.

This year, too, a project is being pushed in real earnest to build 10 000 flats in the Hwasong area in Pyongyang, as the construction of a large-scale and modern vegetable greenhouse farm is underway in South Hamgyong Province.

Despite unfavourable meteorological conditions last

year, great achievements were made in the agricultural sector, especially the production of well over a hundred high-yielding farms, thousands of high-yielding workteams and sub-workteams and tens of thousands of high-yielding farmers throughout the country.

This year, according to a new programme for building the socialist countryside set forth by the WPK, all the farms across the country are making dynamic efforts to spruce up the appearance and environment of rural villages in a cultured way while pushing ahead with the work for increasing grain production.

It is the mode of development of the WPK to advance towards the future of communism on the strength of sincere love and

devotion for children.

Last year the WPK established it as a policy to supply all the children across the country with nourishing food at state expense and dairy products were provided to kids at nurseries and kindergartens. And this year, new types of school uniforms and bags are being offered to all the students throughout the country.

Notable successes are also being made in different economic sectors.

The metallurgical industry sector further improved the Juche-oriented technology of iron production to boost iron and steel output and progress has been made in the projects for improving the country’s chemical industry structure, including the one for the establishment of the CI chemical industry.

Thanks to the correct leadership of the WPK, substantial changes and practical successes will be made continuously for the improvement of the people’s living standards and economic development.

OPINION TRUE COLOURS CANNOT BE CONCEALED

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The shocking news about the secret development of biological weapons by the United States in Ukraine is now causing quite a stir throughout the world.

According to information published by the Russian Defense Ministry, the US set up more than 30 biological laboratories in several cities of Ukraine, including Kiev and Kharkov, and conducted research into extremely dangerous pathogens, such as bacteria of pest, anthrax and cholera.

The minister and the spokesperson for the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Russia branded the American military biological activities in Ukraine as an act of developing biological weapons targeting specific nations as well as a challenge and threat to Russia, and demanded that the US get to the bottom of this incident.

But the Director of National Intelligence of the US let loose a string of incoherent remarks, arguing that there is no evidence for the development of biological weapons though it is true that there is a biological laboratory, whereas an Undersecretary of the State Department confessed that biological weapons research facilities factually exist in Ukraine and they are exerting efforts to prevent the research data falling into the hands of the Russian army.

But evidence revealing the truth about the military biological activities conducted by the US in Ukraine continues to come to light as the days go by.

The Russian Defense Ministry has recently made public the fact that the laboratories in Ukraine had carried out the projects code-named P-382, P-444 and P-568 under the direct guidance of the US, and consequently, six kinds of viruses, including the coronavirus, were developed along with three forms of bacteria, and over 5 770 serum samples of Ukrainian citizens were transferred to Georgia and the UK.

All facts clearly show that the US, hell-bent on developing the weapons of mass destruction including biological weapons, while calling for an absolute superiority in power in order to realize its hegemonic ambition, is indeed the source of all evils and the malignant tumour of this planet.

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China rejects US interference in its internal affairs

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The principle of non-interference in internal affairs of others enshrined in the UN Charter is one of the fundamental norms governing international relations to be duly observed by all states.

Nevertheless, the United States is bringing social unrest, division and humanitarian disasters to other countries by interfering in their internal affairs in an arbitrary manner and imposing its own values and political mode upon them under the pretext of “human rights” and “democracy.”

A few days ago, the spokesman for the Foreign Affairs Committee of the National People’s Congress

of China issued a press statement categorically rejecting as an interference in its internal affairs the adoption by the US administration of the federal budget for fiscal year 2022 that contains negative articles on Taiwan, Hong Kong, Xinjiang and other issues related to China.

He said in the statement that Taiwan is an inalienable part of the Chinese territory and the issues related to Hong Kong, Tibet and Xinjiang fall within the internal jurisdiction of China. He emphasized that the American scheme to restrain the development of China and destroy its national security and social stability will never work and that China stands firm in its determination to safeguard its sovereignty, security and

development interests.

Chinese major media outlets strongly demanded that the US stop interfering in other’s internal affairs, revealing the American practical actions which are diametrically opposed to its habitual statement that it is neither pursuing the change of the Chinese political system nor supporting the “independence of Taiwan”.

In recent days alone, the US slandered China by claiming that the latter is violating the freedom of speech in Hong Kong and constantly committing a genocide and other inhumane crimes against the Uygur Islamists and ethnic minorities. Moreover, it sent to Taiwan a supra-partisan delegation composed of former high-ranking officials who

had been in charge of defense and security policies, while increasing the arms sale to the region, and dispatched a missile destroyer of its navy into the Taiwan Strait.

Historical facts clearly illustrate that the American interference in other countries is a hotbed of confrontation, discord, controversy, division, war and disaster, and a root cause of the destruction of global peace and stability.

All the countries and peoples across the world who aspire to independence and justice will have to be vigilant on and intensify their fight against the despicable American interference in others’ internal affairs violating international law and the fundamental norms governing international relations.

Right choice

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Russia recently celebrated the eighth anniversary of its annexation of the Crimea in grand style amid the ever-mounting sanctions and pressure of the US and the West over the situation in Ukraine.

President Putin, in his speech at the concert staged to celebrate the anniversary, stressed that Russians had to save the Crimea and Sevastopol City which were placed in a humiliating condition as they belonged to other state and that the main purpose of the special military operation launched in Donbas and Ukraine also lies in saving people from pain and genocide.

Earlier, President Putin said,

at a video conference on the socio-economic development of the Republic of Crimea and Sevastopol City, that the reality proves how correct and opportune it was for the Crimean people to choose annexation of Crimea to Russia.

An official spokesperson for the Russian Foreign Ministry stated at a regular press conference that the future of the Crimea is always with Russia, that this issue has ultimately been settled and that neither sanctions nor threats and blackmails of the US and its followers posing themselves masters of the world can change the Russian stand.

In March 2014, Russia annexed the Crimea in due consideration of the opinions expressed freely by the Crimean people

based on the UN Charter and the norms of international law governing the right to national self-determination. But the US and the West resorted to their wicked campaign of sanctions and pressure to “punish” Russia while denouncing the annexation as a “violation of international law” and “acts of aggression”.

They are also hell-bent on the toughest sanctions to entirely cut off Russia from the international arena and stifle it economically with the Ukrainian situation, which resulted from their own high-handedness, arbitrariness and hegemonic policy, as a momentum.

Building on the experiences gained from coping with the US- and West-imposed sanctions after the annexation of the Crimea,

Russia is enforcing proactive measures to minimize the consequences of sanctions while directing its primary attention to the stabilization of its financial market, implementation of the policy of domestic production and revitalization of investment and management activities of local enterprises. In the meantime, it stands its firm ground, taking retaliatory measures against the countries that took part in sanctions against it.

The above facts demonstrate that the policy of supremacy pursued by the US and the West no longer works and no super-intensity sanctions and threat or blackmail could change the choice made by Russia to defend its national security and interests.

Why does Japan advocate UNSC reform?

By Ri Pyong Dok

Recently, Japanese Prime Minister Kishida insisted upon reforming the UNSC, stressing the need for a framework of a new international order while alluding to the Ukrainian situation on several occasions.

The root cause of the Ukrainian situation lies entirely in the policy of supremacy of the US and the West which are engrossed in high-handedness and arbitrariness towards other countries.

This fact notwithstanding, Japan is raising clamour for the UNSC reform while misleading the public that the current development of situation in Ukraine is attributable to the excessive use of veto power by the UNSC permanent member

states.

Then, one question arises.

Had Japan ever called into question the UNSC in the past when the US launched armed attacks on Cuba, Panama, Grenada, Yugoslavia and Iraq in flagrant defiance of the UNSC?

In retrospect, Japan resorted to every conceivable means, be it “pecuniary diplomacy” or “imperial diplomacy”, to become a permanent member of the UNSC by reforming UN after setting it as its ultimate diplomatic goal in the beginning of the 1990s.

But Japanese attempts failed as many countries of the world including Asian countries expressed grave concern over its bid to become a permanent member of the UNSC and

vigilance against the country, which has yet to properly admit and reflect upon its past crimes of aggression.

It is a universal acceptance that the ulterior motive of Japan’s renewed advocating for the UNSC reform today is to cast off the yoke of war criminal state and to realize its long-cherished dream—the assumption of the UNSC permanent membership.

Japan is a criminal state where its ruling circle is on an annual visit to “Yasukuni Shrine”, the distortion of history is commonplace and territorial disputes with its neighbours remain unabated, all of which testify that Japan is not eligible even to talk about the permanent membership of the UNSC.

Japan is a vassal state of the US to the core which is devoid of independence, political or diplomatic. It is out of the question and can never be tolerated that Japan becomes a permanent member state of the UNSC entrusted with the heavy responsibility for peace and security of the world.

Japan should first win trust from its neighbouring countries and the international society by sincerely admitting and honestly reflecting upon its past criminal history rather than misusing the Ukrainian situation to achieve its dirty and egoistic ends.

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Briefly

Serbia
NATO’s atrocity never forgettable
Serbian President Aleksandar Vucic stated on March 27 that his country would never forget NATO’s atrocity.

In 1999 NATO bombed Yugoslavia indiscriminately, killing about 4 000 people including peaceful residents and injuring nearly 10 000.

At a meeting held that day the President noted that the Serbian people vividly remember the atrocity NATO committed against their country.

Iran
Israel warned against evil deeds

The commander-in-chief of the Iranian Islamic Revolution Guards Corps warned Israel on March 23 that if it repeats evil deeds against Iran, it will be subjected to another missile attack.

Saying that Zionists will forever lose their opened and trifling loophole if they do not discontinue misbehaviour, he stressed that the Iranian Islamic Revolution Guards Corps will wreak immediate retaliation if Israel kills Iranian soldiers.

Jamaica
Apology demanded of UK

A demonstration was recently staged in Jamaica in demand of Great Britain’s apology for its past wrongdoings of slave trade.

The demonstrators gathered in front of the British embassy in Kingston to express the wrath over the fact that large numbers of people including their ancestors were subjected to oppression by the whites to be slaves and killed.

Describing the visit of British royalty feeling no remorse as the behaviour of giving their ancestors a slap in the face, they stressed that Great Britain should pay reparations to those who suffered from slave trade.

Mongolia
Tree planting gains momentum

A tree planting campaign is now under way in Mongolia.

Ulan Bator has planned to plant over 120 million trees until 2030 and is forging ahead with the plan. The Mongolian government launched a campaign to plant a billion trees across the country last year.

At present, nearly 77 percent of its territory has reportedly been turned into desert and forests cover only 7.9 percent.

COVID-19
Mounting global COVID-19 casualties

According to a foreign news report, 486 658 476 people were infected with the novel coronavirus, 6 161 138 were killed by it and 58 640 493 were undergoing treatment as of 24:00 on March 30.

Europe witnessed more than 700 000 newly infected cases on March 30 alone.

In North America 96 501 233 people contracted the virulent virus and 1 441 262 died of it and in South America the numbers of the infected and dead reached 56 083 508 and 1 287 558 respectively.

The casualties caused by the pandemic are also on the increase in Asia.



The Monument to the Great Victory in the Northern Area in Rimmyong-ri, Kim Chaek City of North Hamgyong Province.

By Han Kwi Hun PT

The Monument to the Great Victory in the Northern Area, was set up in 1708 in today's Rimmyong-ri in Kim Chaek City, North Hamgyong Province, to the memory of the great victory by Jong Mun Bu (1565-1624)-led volunteers

who defeated the Japanese invaders in the areas of Hamgyong Province during the Imjin Patriotic War.

Hamgyong Province in the period of the feudal Joseon dynasty is today's North Hamgyong and Ryanggang provinces and some areas of northern Kangwon Province.

Monument to the Great Victory in the Northern Area

Built in 1708

Height: 1.87m, Width: 66cm

Inscribed with 1 400-odd letters

The monument is 1.87 metres high and 66 centimetres wide with over 1 400 letters inscribed on it.

The name of the monument is written in seal characters on the top of its front.

The inscription of the monument consists of a preface and verses.

The preface is about the position of the volunteers' struggle led by Jong Mun Bu in Hamgyong Province, the whole story of Japanese invaders' aggression, insidious manoeuvres of traitors, the course of organization of Jong Mun Bu-led volunteers, the main battles which they waged and the details of how the monument was erected.

The main content of the verses is that volunteers rose up against Japanese invaders and fought bravely to restore

peace in the northern area and enable the people to do farming peacefully again and that the monument was erected to hand down the fact of the victory to all generations to come.

For the purpose of covering up the actual facts of their aggressive acts and disgraceful defeat and obliterating the precious historic relic of the Korean nation, the Japanese imperialists thieved the monument in 1904, during the Russo-Japanese War, and left it unattended in one corner of the Yasukuni Shrine, symbol of Japanese militarism. In March 2006 the north and south of Korea got back the monument with joint efforts.

The monument is now well preserved as a precious historical relic testifying to the history of the Koreans' anti-aggression struggle.



COACH OF WEIGHTLIFTING ACES

By Sim Chol Yong PT

Ri Song Gum (pictured) bagged three gold medals in the women's 44kg category of the 2014 Asian senior and junior weightlifting championships and broke the world junior record in jerk and took the first place in the women's 48kg category jerk of the World Weightlifting Championships in 2015. She also won three golds and set three new DPRK records in the national championships last year.

Receiving the medals, Ri said, "Today's success is unthinkable apart from my coach."

Her coach is Kye Song Il at the April 25 Sports Club.

Kye picked Ri Song Gum as he saw in her good physical fitness, persevering effort to attain her goal and diligent pursuit of perfection.

He applied a training method suiting her physical condition and spotted in her an inborn talent as weightlifter.

Natural gift is important, but effort is more important.

The coach made it a rule to get Ri to acquire correct technical movements in snatch and jerk and as she advanced in technical skills, he set higher goals for her and employed different training methods.

"My coach used to make me repeat a movement hundreds or thousands of times to correct the errors that I could not realize. So, I would think ill of him and be doubtful about his training method. But we shared the one goal—gold medal and honour of the country," Ri Song Gum recalled.

Later, she came to enter the rankings in domestic competitions and became successful in international games.

She finally became a formidable competitor for many weightlifting aces in not only domestic but international games.

Not a few trainees of Kye have been successful like Ri.

That's why Kye was chosen as one of the top ten coaches of the DPRK last year for the second time.

Natural monument—Gingko trees at Songgyungwan

By Song Jong Ho PT

Two gingko trees stand on the campus of Koryo Songgyungwan University in Kaesong, which are preserved as living monuments of the DPRK.

They have been preserved through history along with the historic building of the university which was the top educational institution in the period of Koryo Kingdom (918-1392).

The tree in the east is 30 metres high, 6 metres round at the root neck and 5.25 metres round at the chest height.

At the height of about 2.8 metres the main trunk divides into two boughs.

Lots of branches spread out from the boughs to form a round crown which is about 20 metres wide.

The one in the west is 31 metres high, 6.45 metres round at the root neck which is 2.6 metres in diameter, and 5.25 metres round at the chest height which is 1.7 metres in diameter. At the height of 4 metres, its trunk also divides into two boughs and the crown is about 27 metres in diameter.

The gingko trees which have beautiful shapes are of significance for scientific study and for enhancing the beauty of scenery. They were registered as a living monument in January 1980.



Gingko trees at Songgyungwan are called thus as they stand on the campus of Koryo Songgyungwan University.

